

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

### JULY 10, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Steve Douglass, Heritage; Jeanette Steinhaur, Heritage, Doug Ballou, Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. Johns; Harold Hansen, Meadow Glade; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Milada Allen, Felida; Dave Cush, CRC Health Group; Greg Thackston, CRC Health Group; Alex Maynes, Pleasant Highlands; Cathy Steiger, Cedars; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Stacey Johnson, Fisher-Mill Plain; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Jilayne Jordan and Mary Anne Cassin, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation.

#### Announcements:

Doug reminded everyone of NACCC's website: [www.clarkneighborhoods.org](http://www.clarkneighborhoods.org). Everyone in NACCC is encouraged to post their happenings through Zita Podany and she can be reached by e-mailing Milada Allen at [gaudeamus@earthlink.net](mailto:gaudeamus@earthlink.net) and Milada will pass on information.

Several members of NACCC attended Neighborhoods USA in Kansas City and NACCC is planning a workshop to share the attendees' experiences. It is tentatively set for the third Saturday in November.

Also, Friends of Clark County is hosting a community forum on the 20-year growth plan EIS on Wednesday, August 3 from 7-9 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Public Services Building in the Commissioner's Hearing Room. They will have a panel of experts on hand. More about this will be coming out in the next week or so.

#### CRC HEALTH GROUP

CRC agreed to keep NACCC informed on how the clinic is progressing and to share any concerns with the group. Dave Cush said all is going well and they now serve 60 patients, 90% of whom come from Clark County. So far, there have been no issues. CRC has hired a permanent clinic director, Greg Thackston, who will be overseeing the day-to-day operations. Mr. Thackston has 10 years of experience in substance abuse treatment.

Dave did announce that they had experienced two break-ins where the alarm system did go off. Nothing was taken from the facility and all medications/drugs were secure. Other nearby businesses were also broken into.

Dave Cush said that the Community Advisory Council will probably not meet again since there were very few responses from committee members regarding a final meeting. Clark County drafted an ordinance to regulate the possible future siting of Opiate Substitution Treatment Facilities within the county jurisdiction.

#### VANCOUVER-CLARK PARKS AND RECREATION

##### GREATER CLARK PARKS DISTRICT PROGRAM

Mary Anne Cassin, Capital Program Manager, and Jilayne Jordan, Public Information Officer gave a presentation on the progress of the parks district program. The following parks are in various stages of being worked on:

16 of 35 park development projects included in the parks district are actively being worked on.

5 parks are currently under construction:

Eisenhower School Park, being managed by Vancouver School District; Orchards Highlands Park, NE 112th Ave. and 93<sup>rd</sup> St.; Walnut Grove Park, NE 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 70<sup>th</sup> St.; Erickson Farms Park, NW 114th St. at 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.; Vista Meadows Park, NE 29th Ave. near 144<sup>th</sup> St.

Construction on above parks will be finishing up between August and October

9 parks are currently going through design and permitting on their way to starting construction:

Hockinson Community Park, NE 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave at 119<sup>th</sup> St.; Fairgrounds Community Park, NW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 164<sup>th</sup> St.; Pacific Community Park, NE 164<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 18<sup>th</sup> St.; Cherry Park, NE 101<sup>st</sup> Way at 145<sup>th</sup> St.; Little Prairie Park, NE 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave. north of 76<sup>th</sup> St.; Greyhawk Park, between NE 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. and NE 126<sup>th</sup> St.; Tenny Creek Park, NE 88<sup>th</sup> St. near 31<sup>st</sup> Ave.; Sifton Park, NE 131<sup>st</sup> Ave. at 71<sup>st</sup> St.; Jorgenson Park, NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. at 70<sup>th</sup> St.

2 parks are in master planning phase:

Pleasant Valley Community Park, next to Pleasant Valley Middle School – further planning will take place when building moratorium is lifted; Sgt. Brad Crawford Park, NW 131<sup>st</sup> St. at 47<sup>th</sup> Ave.

They are hoping for four more projects to begin master planning later this year:

Fisher-Mill Plain Park, NE 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave. at 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; King's Pond Park, NE 54<sup>th</sup> Ave, no. of 40<sup>th</sup> St.; Chinook Park, So. of NW 149<sup>th</sup> St. at 7<sup>th</sup> Place; Oak Grove Park, NE 159<sup>th</sup> Ave. near 70<sup>th</sup> St.

7 miles of trails are also included as part of the parks district program. These will all be soft-surface rustic walking trails along 5 different creek corridors: Cougar Creek, Whipple Creek, Lalonde Creek, Curtin Creek, and Burnt Bridge Creek.

Doug had three more announcements: We will begin working on the neighborhood handbook project within the next month and the Clark County Atlas is now on online maps. We will be having Bob Poole out to give us more instruction on downloading maps. Also, neighborhood associations on the west-side should be aware that Clark County is considering renaming a portion of the current Vancouver Urban growth boundary which covers the Hazel Dell, Felida, Salmon Creek and Fairgrounds area. There will be public hearings and the county is seeking input on this from area neighborhood associations impacted by the change.

#### RESPONSE TO COWLITZ TRIBE'S DEIS

Doug proposed a response to the Cowlitz DEIS to NACCC membership. Members in attendance voted to approve a letter sent by the chairman on behalf of NACCC that would support the county's testimony on June 15 at the public meeting hosted by the BIA. Essentially, the letter says that the DEIS is inadequate in describing the alternatives and it does not adequately identify or assess the impacts the development will have on our community that the county previously submitted as a cooperating agency. NACCC expects that all concerns should be responded to in the final EIS. It also mentions that NACCC has a primary concern about traffic, especially rush-hour traffic, as well as traffic generated by the explosive growth the county has experienced. The impact of adding 13-17,000 cars to our roads was not covered in the DEIS and must be covered in the final EIS along with mitigation measures. A copy of the letter may be viewed on the NACCC website at [www.clarkneighborhoods.org](http://www.clarkneighborhoods.org).

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS:

Art Stubbs, Green Meadows: Art attended the Port of Vancouver open house to hear about the expansion of the port and the road and railroad construction that needs to be done to handle all the expected new business in future years.

Milada Allen, Felida: Milada announced that there is an opening on the Planning Commission with Lonnie Moss leaving. Felida NA in cooperation with Fire District #6 and the West Precinct and others are organizing a communication network for emergency preparedness. Fire District #6 is offering a class on disaster preparedness and a sign up sheet went around. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a huge success and the Lions Club ran out of food! Taco Bell raised \$10,000 for Sgt. Brad Crawford Park, which is in the draft planning stages.

Harold Hansen, Meadow Glade – Harold told the group that the county did a good job during flooding a while back in his neighborhood. He reminded all that a “thank you” note to the workers’ bosses at the county is an important gesture.

Stacey Johnson, Fisher-Mill Plain: Stacey and some others in her association would like to re-activate the association since so much is going on. She will meet with Holly to get the ball rolling.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point: Susan announced that she understands that many of those who were part of the Volunteer Code Enforcement Program had dropped out. She had not had a chance to talk with county personnel to verify that fact or to determine where the program goes from here.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell: Bud is part of the county ADA committee and wants citizens to let him know about places in the county where it is difficult for the disabled to maneuver. The committee will be inspecting all county areas for ADA availability. All new county parks will be ADA compliant and older ones retrofitted. The Community Pride Design Committee will be holding a public meeting this year probably at the Water Resources Center. Time and place TBA. Anyone can submit nominations for anything that was completed this past year that involved design. Bud is also compiling a list of volunteer activities that in which NACCC members are involved with the purpose of distributing it to commissioners, county heads, etc. to show what WE do.

Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie: Lakeside Asphalt Plant - A hearing was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> in front of the county hearings examiner which went until 11:23 p.m. Only Lakeside Industries attorneys and 7 expert witnesses were heard. Next meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> of August a 6 p.m. for opponents to be heard and to ask questions of witnesses and Lakeside.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, Chairman on July 13, 2006